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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Office additional prior art received in connection with a Search of Applicant's corresponding EPO application. Attached is U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of the prior art references listed therein, and a copy of the EPO Search Report. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits

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a copy of the EPO Search Report by a European Examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a European application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of foreign examiner or the claims of the European application under the laws of the country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the European Examiner's comments submitted therewith.

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